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For: EXTENSIBLE COMPOSITE MEMBER AND  
METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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**SUBMISSION OF NOTICE OF REJECTION**

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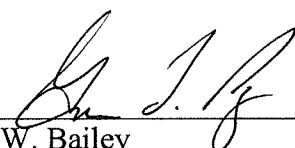
Madam:

In order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed is a Notice of Rejection that issued on December 2, 2008, in connection with Japanese Application No. 2004-024747, upon which the present application claims priority. An English translation is also provided.

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